(e) what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of Dextropropoxyphene Hcl were fixed on 22nd August, 1985. The violation of prices have been reported thereafter by a number of companies purchasing this drug.

(c) to (e) Inspite of repeated reminders the manufacturers have not furnished the details of the quantities sold and the prices of such sales for the relevant period so far. Punitive action against the manufacturers would soon be taken under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979/1987 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 after giving notice.

Prices of Baralgon Ketone Formulations

315. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2024 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1989 and state:

(a) when were the prices of finished medicines of Baralgon Ketone based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 8019/- were fixed and what was the price of each pack, strength of each formulation;

(b) what was the price of each formulation based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 24,735.38 per kg. and what was the percentage reduction in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that BICP worked out the price of formulations based on the notified price of Rs. 1810.20 per kg.;

(d) if so, when and what was the price recommended for each medicine; and

(e) what is the price of each pack and strength of each medicine based on Baralgon Retone on the 20th April, 1990 and what is the price of bulk drug on which these prices are based?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No price of formulations of Baralgon Ketone based on the bulk drug price of Rs. 8019/- was fixed by the Government.

(b) The requisite information, to the extent available, is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The Government fixed the price of bulk drug Baralgon Ketone at Rs. 1810.20 per kg. with effect from 31.12.1980 under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 Before the prices of the formulations based on the revised price of the drug as annuonced by the Government could be revised, the Delhi High Court granted a stay to the Company by virtue of which they were able to maintain the pre-revised price of the bulk drugs and formulations.

(e) The requisite information, as per MIMS India (Edition April 1990 is given below:—

1.	Baralgan Ketone 10's strip	Rs. 4.93
2.	Baralgan Injection 2ml. Amp.	Rs. 1.80
	5ml. Amp.	Rs. 2.21
	30 ml. Vial	Rs. 13.23
3.	Baralgan Drops 10ml.	Rs. 6.05

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Formulation	Pack Size	Price based on Baralgan Ketone Price at Rs. 24,735.38 per Kg. udor DPCO, 1970. (Rs.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Baralgan Tablets . . .	10x10's Strip	37.34
2.	Baralgan Tablets . . .	1000's	336.11
3.	Baralgan Ampoule . . .	10x2ml Ampoule	13.41
4.	Baralgan Ampoule . . .	100x2ml Ampoule	107.22
5.	Baralgan Ampoule . . .	5x5ml Ampoule	11.83
6.	Baralgan Ampoule . . .	25x5ml Amopoule	53.65
7.	Baralgan drops . . .	10ml Bottle	4.67
8.	Baralgan Injection . . .	30ml vial	12.83

Prices of Metronidazole Formulations

316. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of infusion based on Metronidazole fixed under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987;

(b) what is the price of three leading products as on the 31st March, 1990;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of Metrogyl infusion is exorbitant, and higher than the prices of other brands of other producers; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) The information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Superspeciality in Gastroenterology at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh

317. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inaction on the part of the authorities at the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh has blocked improvement of the national super speciality in gastroenterology earmarked for the institute in 1976;

(b) whether Government have received the report for improving the functioning of the superspeciality lying with the Post-Graduate Institute, Chandigarh; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to the different suggestions made by the high-level committee?